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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REDUCING POWER CONSUMPTION  
IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM USING  
VIRTUAL DEVICE DRIVERS

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 1996, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, line 18, please replace "an" with --can--.

At page 13, line 11, please replace "label" with --level--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

11. (Amended) A computer system comprising:

a bus;

a central processing unit (CPU) coupled to the bus running an operating system and at least one power-unaware application, wherein the operating system has a virtual device driver performing device idle detection using one or more events timers indicating the activity level of at least one local device, and further wherein the virtual device driver places idle local devices in a reduced power consumption state when associated events timers